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Mr. Ron Wenker  
Nevada State Director  
Bureau of Land Management  
1340 Financial Boulevard  
Reno, NV 89520

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9:00 A.M.

February 22, 2010

RE: Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Business Plan

Dear Mr. Wenker,

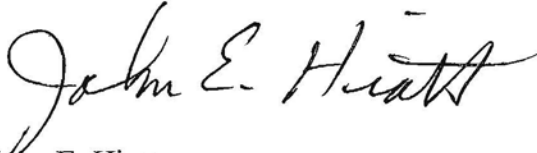
The Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (MOSO RAC) met in Las Vegas on February 18, 2010 and as part of its agenda considered the NV Resource Advisory Council Recreation Subcommittee's (Rec RAC) recommendation concerning the BLM's Southern Nevada District Office's draft Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Business Plan, including fee proposal. The MOSO RAC voted to endorse the Rec RAC subcommittee's approval of the Business Plan, including fee proposal, incorporating the subcommittee's amendments to the Plan.

The amendments are as follows:

- A. That the Plan provides for an annual "support" pass. This means that the proposed annual pass would be retitled "Annual Support Pass" and be marketed to all users of the NCA with appropriate signage at NCA facilities, including those facilities such as the parking and restroom facilities on Highway 160 and Cottonwood Valley and other appropriate locations where no fee collection station exists or is proposed. It was the opinion of the Rec RAC members that all users of the NCA should be encouraged to provide monetary support for management of the area, even though only those entering the Scenic Loop through the fee station would be required to pay a fee.
- B. That the Plan provide for a volunteer service pass. This recommendation is consistent with the present policy of the Friends of Red Rock Canyon that volunteers providing 40 hours of service per year in the RRCNCA are provided a free annual pass.
- C. That the Plan provide for an annual pass that complies with the guidelines for "guests" in accordance with the guidelines spelled out in the "America the Beautiful Pass". This is intended to address the "fairness issue" (bicycles and pedestrians vs automobiles) of everyone in a passenger car entering without additional fees if the driver has an annual pass or pays the day use fee.
- D. That the Plan provides for the analysis and possible implementation of a card (annual pass) operated electronic gate at the Red Rock Scenic Loop fee station so that regular users of the Red Rock Loop (particularly bicycles) don't have to wait in line to show their annual pass but may proceed directly to the loop after passing through an electronically operated entry device.

The MOSO RAC looks forward to working with the Southern Nevada District Office on issues which may arise as the new RRCNCA Business Plan is implemented.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John E. Hiatt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "H".

John E. Hiatt  
Chair, Mojave-Southern Great Basin RAC

Cc: Mary Jo Rugwell